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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action mailed December 24, 2002.

Applicants have cancelled one claim, and added four new dependent claims, resulting in a net three new claims. A check to cover the \$27 extra-claim fee is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 47 without prejudice.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent via facsimile transmission to Examiner Robert Koehler of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at 1-703-872-9311 on the date indicated below.

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